

Merian on some new River  
River Myrtaceae - My Lycopodium  
will come partly at least into  
the second part - The quarto  
transactions will soon as usual  
for the present at least one  
part to appear on the first  
Tuesday in Nov every year  
for Hooker's Palaeophorum are  
printing for this year's part.

The first part Zoology is chiefly  
occupied with descriptions of new  
insects from Singapore - one of a series  
of papers which Mr Wilson Saunders  
is having prepared at a considerable  
cost to himself on the insects of the  
Moluccas with a view to considerations  
on their geographical distribution  
We are trying to instill a little life into  
the Society and already the meetings  
look better and we have an influx  
of new members

With kindest regards to Mr  
Gray Yours very sincerely  
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My dear Gray

As usual I have I believe  
more than one of your letters to  
thank you for - and especially for  
the last with Torrey's name for  
Hortweg's Monocotyledons - I must  
try and finish M. Hortwegianus  
but I am more than ever overwhelmed  
with work - I have just read at  
the Senneion Society a paper on  
Loganiaceae to which I now  
refer besides the genera in the  
Prodrromus Buddleia and the little  
genera by it - and Desfontainia  
I reduce some genera - for instance  
Medicia & Leptostachis to Felsenium  
- and suppress Ignatia as a pure  
myth - flowers of Porogueria with  
seed of a Stroganov - all this took me  
more time than I thought - I am

now at Leguminose - I was  
last week for a day at Paris  
I went as far as Lyons with  
my nephew who is in a very  
precarious state of health and  
is gone to Montpellier to try what  
his native air will do.

The new *Linnean Soc Journal*  
is coming out at last The first  
number will be ready on the 1<sup>st</sup>  
of March Each part will contain  
(besides the short reports of the  
meetings) three sheets Botany  
& three sheets Zoology Four  
parts will appear in the year  
later at present only when given  
extra by authors but I hope  
by and by to have them frequently  
Every fellow gets a copy gratis  
and the Journal will be sold to  
the public at 3/ the part or

10/ the year for the two sections  
together if the part or of the  
year for each section separately  
We are anxious to press the sale  
as much as we can as it will  
cost the Society a good deal  
Will you let me know how  
many copies you will take  
for the first year <sup>Botany alone or both</sup>  
and I will get them for you  
with the trade discount of 25  
per cent which is allowed to  
fellows & to booksellers and  
it is quite as well you should  
have it as the bookseller - besides  
that will save the Society the  
10 per cent commission booksellers  
charge besides - and let me  
know how to send them

The first part <sup>History</sup> contains chiefly  
a paper by Brounny on the  
botany of Madeira and one by